

# **Warwick School Committee Minutes**

## **Open Session**

**Meeting of June 20, 2007**

**The Warwick School Committee met in Open Session at Winman Jr. High School on Wednesday, June 20, 2007. Chairman Friel called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. with the following in attendance:**

### **COMMITTEE**

**Christopher Friel, Chairperson**

**Lucille Mota-Costa, Vice Chair**

**Bethany Furtado, Clerk**

**Joyce L. Andrade**

**Paul Cannistra**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

**Robert J. Shapiro, Superintendent**

**Robert W. Dooley, Director of Business Affairs**

**Rosemary Healey, Esq., Director of Compliance & Human Resources**

**MOTION 2007-160: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to go into closed session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business exempt from open meetings under General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-5(a)(1) and (a)(2).**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye**

**Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. with the following in attendance to those listed above:**

**Victor Mercurio, Director of Secondary Education**

**Robert T. Bushell, Director of Elementary Education**

**Richard D'Agostino, Director Special Services**

**David E. Small, Director of Buildings and Grounds**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION 2007-161: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to approve the Minutes of May 1, May 9, May 15, May 16, May 17, and May 24, 2007 for the Open Session.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye**

**Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-162: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 1, May 9 and May 17, 2007.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye**

**Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Approval of Transfers:** Ms. Mota-Costa commented that she still had concerns that transfers were still on going at this time of the year. Mr. Dooley said that transfer had taken place in May, and what happens at the end of the year we buy office supplies, instructional supplies to get through the end of the year.

**MOTION 2007-163:** Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, to approve the transfers.

**MOTION PASSES (4-1)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa – Nay**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**Approval of Warrants:**

**MOTION 2007-164:** Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the warrants.

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

## **Recognitions: Regent Commended Status – 2005-2006**

**Cedar Hill (Mr. Stephen Kirby)**

**Lippitt (Mr. Roy Roberts)**

**Roberson (Ms. Lynn Conti)**

**Scott (Ms. Virginia Bolano)**

**Norwood (Ms. Nancy Plumb)**

**Park (Mr. Joseph Peliter)**

**Potowomut (Mr. Areglado)**

**Pilgrim (Mr. Dennis Mullen)**

## **Professional Appointments:**

**MOTION 2007-165: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the appointment of Kathryn Keenan, Principal for the Extended School Year (ESY) be approved.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra – Aye**

**MOTION 2007-166: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, that the appointment of Brian Vandeboncoeur, carpentry instructor, Step 10, be approved, pending receipt of State and National BCI.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-167: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the appointment of Lauren Wasserman, reading specialist, Step 10, be approved, pending vacancies after the 2007-2008 job fair.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-168: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the appointment of Martin Susla, reading specialist, Step 10, be approved, pending vacancies after the 2007-2008 job fair, and pending receipt of State and National BCI.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Retirements/resignation:**

**MOTION 2007-169: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the retirement of Robert J. Shapiro, Superintendent of Schools, Administration, be accepted, effective June 29, 2007.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**MOTION 2007-170: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Ms. Mota-Costa, that the retirement of Robert W. Dooley, Director of business Affairs, Administration, be accepted, effective June 29, 2007.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-171: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the retirement of Janice Pearson, elementary special educator at Potowomut, be accepted, effective the last day of school.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-172: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr.**

**Cannistra, that the retirement of Marilyn Gaffney, elementary physical education teacher at Holden, be accepted, effective last day of school.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-173: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, that the retirement of George Lough, Jr., social studies teacher at Pilgrim, be accepted, effective last day of school.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-174: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, that the retirement of John Palmer, physical education teacher at Warwick Veterans, be approved, effective last day of school.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-175: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the resignation of Kenneth Sheehan, Principal at Gorton Jr. High School, be accepted, effective July 1, 2007.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Special Motion “superintendent emeritus”:**

**MOTION 2007-176: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that Mr. Shapiro be appointed superintendent emeritus.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**Classified – Resignation**

**MOTION 2007-177: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr.**



**Cannistra, that the resignation of David Bonneau, head custodian at Greenwood Elementary School be accepted effective June 29, 2007.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye            Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Coaching appointment:**

**MOTION 2007-178: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, that the appointment of Isabella Nielson, Head Coach – Girls' Cross Country at Pilgrim, be approved.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye            Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Budget 2007-2008: Mr. Dooley commented that by all appearances we will have “level funding” state aid. The result of that action is that the School Committee faces a \$2,128,000 deficit. The Superintendent will be meeting first thing tomorrow morning with the administrators, and recommended adjustments will be reviewed in July. He said that the State has done an unconscionable thing by level funding. Ms. Mota-Costa remarked to the public that she hoped they understood we don't want to do this and to contract their congressmen to behave responsibly.**

## **Consolidated Resource Plan 2007-2008**

**MOTION 2007-179: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to approve the Consolidated Resource Plan for 2007-2008.**

### **MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

### **Discussion of Potowomut all-day Kindergarten survey:**

**Dr. Argelado addressed the committee with the results of the all-day Kindergarten survey. Although there was a strong interest, there were not enough students to run the program. Chairman Friel thanked him for his hard work and efforts, and said that he hoped this could be revisited at some other time.**

**Elementary Administrative Transfers: Superintendent Shapiro recommended several transfers to the School Committee. Mr. Bushell said that three elementary principals have requested transfers to another building and he has agreed to their request. They are:**

**Kathleen Adams: Holden to Oakland Beach**

**Maureen Areglado: Sherman to Randall Holden**

**Ronald Areglado: Potowomut to John Green**

**MOTION 2007-180: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to approve the transfer request.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**School Lunch Advisory Report – It was recommended that this be tabled tonight and brought back in July. The draft report has been sent out to the committee members and it will be reviewed by them.**

**MOTION 2007-181: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, to table the**

**School Lunch Advisory Report.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Bids:**

**MOTION 2007-182: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the re-bid for the refrigerator condenser replacement be**

**awarded to D. Larsen & Son in the amount of \$16,500.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-183: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the bid for custodial supplies be awarded to ECOLAB in the amount of \$3,330.95 as per bid tabulation.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-184: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the bid for actuarial valuation services be awarded to Financial Risk Analysis, LLC, for school department services portion, in the amount of \$17,950 (for three years) as per bid tabulation.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-185: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the three-year bid for fire extinguisher/suppression system/quarterly fire sprinkler inspection be awarded to AFA in the**

**amount of \$11,900 (1st year only) as per bid tabulation. [\$12,200 2nd year; \$12,500 3rd year]**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye            Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-186: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, that the bid for athletic supplies and equipment be awarded to Elmwood Sports and Grogan Marciano, at the bid prices and discounts submitted.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye            Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**The bid for the vehicle maintenance contract was presented: that the vehicle maintenance contract for school bus maintenance with First Student be extended for a one-year period from 7/1/07 to 6/30/08 as per bid tabulation. Discussion: Ms. Andrade said she had significant questions for Mr. O’Haire, and mentioned that work was suppose to be done on Saturdays, which did not happen. This caused us to use spare buses. She also said there was an issue with bus fumes. Mr. Cannistra was interested in holding off on this. Mr. Dooley asked if the work could continue with First Student until it was brought back in July.**

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**MOTION 2007-187: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to table awarding of contract to First Student until July – continue to work with First Student until such time in July.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-188: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, that the school bus transportation contract with First Student be extended for a one-year period at a 2.5% rate increase.**

**MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Nay      Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-189: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Andrade, that the bid for Workers' Compensation Insurance, be awarded to Beacon Mutual in the amount of \$643,322, plus Trust Exit Fee of \$264,471; for a total cost of \$907,793.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye**

**Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**The bid for audio visual equipment was presented: “that the bid for audio visual equipment be awarded to various vendors in the amount of \$20,480.9.”**

**Discussion: It is now June 20th are we paying for this with this year’s account for next year; consider approving by unit prices; the fact that the money will go back into the General Fund as it is not identified for audio visual; that a 57” television (item #3) being purchased; needing a policy that purchasing supplies stops at a certain time; delay and purchasing by unit prices not volume.**

**MOTION 2007-190: Moved by Mrs. Andrade to accept the bid with the exception of item #3. Motion fails for lack of second.**

**MOTION 2007-191: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to accept by unit**

**MOTION PASSES (4-1)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Nay**

**Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Policy JE: Student Attendance 1st reading: discussion regarding absences, chronic attendance, inconsistency from one school to another, losing credit if absence more than 15 days.**

**MOTION 2007-192: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, table approval of  
JE Student Attendance 1st reading.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Policy: JEC – School Admissions – 2nd reading.**

**MOTION 2007-193: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the  
second reading of Policy JEC – School Admissions.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**Policy JECB – Admission of nonresident students – 2nd reading**

**MOTION 2007-194: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the second reading of Policy JECB – Admission of nonresident students.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**



**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Policy JGB – Detention of students – 2nd reading: - discussion regarding the 24-hr. notice clause.**

**MOTION 2007-195: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to strike the prior to the 24-hour notice clause and approve the second reading of Policy JGB**

**MOTION PASSES (4 ayes 1 nay)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Nay**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Nay Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Policy IGBG – Home/Hospital instruction – 2nd reading**

**MOTION 2007-196: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the second reading of Policy IGBG.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Policy BA – Committee Operational Goals – 1st reading**

**MOTION 2007-197: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the first**

**reading of Policy BA.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Policy BBF – School Committee Member Ethics – 1st reading**

**MOTION 2007-198: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the first reading of Policy BBF.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra – Aye**

**Policy BBC – Committee Member Resignations – 1st reading**

**Policy BBAA – Committee Member Authority and Responsibilities – 1st reading**

**MOTION 2007-199: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to table the first reading of Policy BBC and BBAA – and have them brought back.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye          Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

## **Policy BBFA – Committee Member Conflict of Interest – 1st reading**

**MOTION 2007-200: Moved by Ms. Mota-Costa, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to approve the first reading of Policy BBFA.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

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**Information & Proposals: Ms. Mota-Costa said she would like placed on the agenda an appointment of two School Members for address the fire alarm issue.**

**Public Comment: Summary of comments: Mr. Mullen asked if any action had been taken regarding department head consolidation; Mr. Friel said it would be discussed at next Wednesday meeting. Mr. Mullen said with the job fair next Tuesday, this would cause a great deal of chaos; Darlene said eliminating department heads will have a ripple effect and it doesn't save that much money. Jeff Miner said not only causing chaos, it was effecting career decisions; Ken, science**

department head at Winman said we need department heads at the Jr. and Sr. High level; Mr. Landrie asked about principal selection at Gorton and said we need to find money for the intramural sports; Mr. Tanner spoke about elimination of department heads; Mr. Latierre asked about the superintendent's contract and transition phase for the superintendent; Darlene commented about no cuts in administration and were there any being considered.

**Special meeting dates: June 27th at 6:00**

**MOTION 2007-201: Moved by Mrs. Furtado, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to return to Executive Session.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**recessed at 10:30 p.m.**

**MOTION 2007-202: Moved by Mrs. Andrade, seconded by Mr. Cannistra, to keep the Minutes of the Executive Session for June 20, 2007 private.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**MOTION 2007-203: Moved by Mr. Cannistra, seconded by Mrs. Furtado, to adjourn.**

**MOTION PASSES (5-0)**

**Christopher Friel - Aye Lucille Mota-Costa - Aye**

**Joyce L. Andrade – Aye Bethany Furtado – Aye**

**Paul Cannistra - Aye**

**Meeting adjourned: 11:15 p.m.**

**Bethany Furtado, Clerk**

**Betsey Snipes, Secretary**